

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

JAMES PLONSKER,)	FILED: JUNE 9, 2008
)	08CV3305
Plaintiff,)	JUDGE LEFKOW
)	MAGISTRATE JUDGE VALDEZ AEE
v.)	Case No. _____
)	
NATIONAL ASSET RECOVERY SERVICES, INC.,)	(Removal from Cook County Circuit Court, Case No. 08 CH 18254)
)	
Defendant.)	

DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL

**TO: THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION**

COMES NOW Defendant, National Asset Recovery Services, Inc. ("NARS"), by and through its undersigned counsel, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1332, 1441 and 1446, respectfully submits this Notice of Removal of this civil action, entitled *Plonsker v. National Asset Recovery Services, Inc.*, Cause No. 08 CH 18254 ("the Lawsuit"), from the Circuit Court of Cook County, State of Illinois, to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. In support thereof, Defendant respectfully states to this honorable Court as follows:

1. On May 19, 2008, Plaintiff filed his Complaint commencing the Lawsuit.
2. On May 29, 2008, Plaintiff served on Defendant NARS, a copy of the Summons and Complaint.
3. A copy of the Complaint and the Summons in the Lawsuit are attached hereto and constitute all process, pleadings and orders served on Defendant. (Exhibit A, Complaint and Summons).

4. The Lawsuit is a civil action seeking Declaratory Judgment and alleging a Breach of Contract against Defendant by reason of Defendant having allegedly anticipatorily breached the commission payment provisions contained in an Employment Agreement entered into between Defendant and Plaintiff.

5. The Lawsuit at issue here is one in which this Court has original jurisdiction under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1332 and is one that may be removed to this Court by Defendant pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1441 (a) – it is a civil action in which there is complete diversity of citizenship between Plaintiff and Defendant and the matter in controversy exceeds the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of interests and costs.

6. Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of Illinois. (Exhibit A, ¶ 2).

7. NARS, the former employer of Plaintiff, is a Missouri corporation, Corporate Charter Number 00387659.

8. NARS' corporate headquarters and principal place of business is located in Chesterfield, Missouri which is located in St. Louis County, Missouri.

9. Plaintiff alleges to have suffered lost commission revenue as the result of an alleged breach of contract and, upon information and belief, the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000.

10. This determination of the amount in controversy is based upon Plaintiff's demand letter of May 2, 2008, filed with Defendant through counsel. This demand contends that: (a) Defendant wrongfully terminated Plaintiff's employment, (b), Plaintiff is legally entitled to commissions that he had earned prior to termination of employment in excess of \$600,000 and

(c) Defendant's position that Plaintiff is not entitled to those earned commissions is a breach of Plaintiff's Employment Agreement with Defendant.

11. Accordingly, as relief, Plaintiff seeks "commissions as provided within the Employment Agreement for the term as outlined to and through three years following the signing of each and every contract" and "any other such relief as this Court deems just and equitable." (Exhibit A, ¶ 28). And such damage would approximate the complained of injury valued by Plaintiff's counsel at \$600,000.

12. The Summons and Complaint were formally received by Defendant NARS on May 29, 2008, and notice of the filing of the Lawsuit was received by Defendant on May 20, 2008.

13. Accordingly, this Notice of Removal has been filed within thirty (30) days of receipt by Defendant of Plaintiff's Summons and Complaint or other notice thereof, and, therefore, is timely filed.

14. This Notice of Removal is accompanied by written notice to Plaintiff.

15. A copy of this Notice of Removal has been filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, State of Illinois, on this date as required by 28 U.S.C. §1446(d), and is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

WHEREFORE, Defendant provides Notice of Removal of the above-styled action pending in the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Cook County, State of Illinois to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Dated: June 9, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

NATIONAL ASSET RECOVERY SERVICES, INC.

/s/ Stanley G. Schroeder

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have on this 9th day of June, 2008 served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by depositing the same with the United States Postal Service, first class, postage prepaid, upon the following addressed as follows:

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Andrés J. Gallegos
Robbins, Salomon & Patt, Ltd.
25 East Washington Street, Suite 1000
Chicago, IL 60602

/s/ Donald J. Vogel

JUDGE LEFKOW

MAGISTRATE JUDGE VALDEZ

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EXHIBIT A



CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY*

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Entity:	National Asset Recovery Services, Inc. Entity ID Number 2215759
Entity Served:	National Asset Recovery Services, Inc.
Title of Action:	James Plonsker vs. National Asset Recovery Services, Inc
Document(s) Type:	Summons/Complaint
Nature of Action:	Labor / Employment
Court:	Cook Circuit Court, Illinois
Case Number:	08 CH 18254
Jurisdiction Served:	Illinois
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

(Name all parties)

JAMES PLONSKER, an individual

v.

NATIONAL ASSET RECOVERY SERVICES, INC.

SUMMONS

No.

08CH18254

PLEASE SERVE:

National Asset Recovery Services, Inc.
 c/o Lexis Document Services, Inc.
 801 Adlai Stevenson Drive
 Springfield, IL 62703

To each Defendant:

YOU ARE SUMMONED and required to file an answer to the complaint in this case, a copy of which is hereto attached, or otherwise file your appearance, and pay the required fee, in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the following location:

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Chicago, Illinois 60602 |

You must file within 30 days after service of this Summons, not counting the day of service.

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To the officer:

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Atty. No.: 80919

WITNESS, _____

Name: Tracy E. Stevenson/Robbins, Salomon & Patt, Ltd.

Atty. for: Plaintiff

Address: 25 E. Washington Street, Suite 1000

City/State/Zip: Chicago, IL 60602

Telephone: 312-782-9000

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 Court of Cook County

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Plaintiff,)

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vs.)

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NATIONAL ASSET RECOVERY
SERVICES, INC.,)

Defendant.)

VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

Now comes the Plaintiff, James Plonsker (hereafter "Plonsker"), by his attorneys, Robbins, Salomon & Patt, Ltd., and complains as follows against Defendant National Asset Recovery Services, Inc. (hereafter "NARS"):

Nature of the Case

1. This is an action for declaratory judgment pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-701 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure seeking a declaration of the parties rights and obligations with respect to a commission provision contained within an Employment Agreement.

The Parties

2. James Plonsker is an individual residing in Lake County, Illinois and doing business in Cook County, Illinois.

3. NARS is a Missouri corporation authorized to do business in Delaware and Illinois.

Jurisdiction and Venue

4. Jurisdiction is proper in this court pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-209(a) and (b) in that NARS does business in the State of Illinois.

5. The venue is proper in Cook County, Illinois pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-101 in that the acts giving rise to this cause of action occurred in Cook County, Illinois and NARS does business in Cook County, Illinois.

Facts Common to All Counts

6. James Plonsker is an individual residing in Lake County, Illinois employed in the position of Vice President Sales effective October 10, 2005 pursuant to the terms of an Employment Agreement.

7. NARS is a corporation conducting business operations in furtherance of providing other entities with customer service, sales, and recovery of assets. NARS solicits and services clients in all areas of the United States including the State of Illinois, County of Cook.

8. In or around October 3, 2005, Plonsker became an employee of NARS and started providing sales services for NARS at the NARS office located in Highland Park, Illinois.

9. NARS prepared an Employment Agreement for Plonsker, executed that agreement and tendered to Plonsker on October 3, 2005 a copy of the Employment Agreement. Plonsker executed the Employment Agreement on October 12, 2005. A copy of the executed Employment Agreement is attached as Exhibit A.

10. Following the commencement of his Employment Agreement, Plonsker began his job duties as a finder of business without customer support obligations.

11. As a portion of the Employment Agreement, Plonsker was to receive a base salary plus commissions for his sales efforts. See agreement at Exhibit A, par. 1.

12. Specifically, the Employment Agreement states as follows:

“Commissions. Plonsker shall receive the following commissions for his sales efforts:

(a) Four percent of all revenues produced in the first year of each contract signed during the six months of his employment with NARS and for any proposals issued to the potential clients during the first six months of employment that become a signed contract at any time during Plonsker’s first year of employment.

(b) Two percent of all revenue produced during the second year of each contract signed during the initial six month term of employment with NARS and for any proposals issued to potential clients during the first six months of employment that became signed contracts at any time during Plonsker’s first year of employment.

(c) One percent of all revenue produced during the third year of each contract signed during the initial six month term of employment with NARS and for any proposals issued to potential clients during the first six months of employment that became a signed contract at any time during Plonsker’s first year of employment.

(d) To qualify for this consideration, both Plonsker and NARS must certify the legitimacy of all proposals issued during the first six months of his employment and

(e) After the initial six months of employment, Plonsker’s commission plan will be consistent with the NARS sales commission plan currently under review.

13. Since commencing employment with NARS, Plonsker has tendered contracts executed by client to NARS and has received the requisite percentage of revenue as outlined in the commissions portion of his Employment Agreement.

14. NARS paid to Plonsker commissions on the 15th day of each month for his sales efforts at the percentage and rate as outlined within the Employment Agreement.

15. At no time did NARS alter, amend or otherwise change Plonsker's commission plan from that which is included within the Employment Agreement.

16. On May 1, 2008 without prior notice and without cause, NARS discharged Plonsker from his position of employment as Vice President Sales.

17. At that time, Plonsker sought from NARS payment of those commissions which were due or would become due in the future related to his Employment Agreement.

18. As part of that Separation Agreement and General Release which was tendered to Plonsker on May 2, 2008, NARS specifically denied owing to Plonsker any and all commissions due under his Employment Agreement. A true and correct copy of the tendered Separation Agreement and General Release is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

19. Plonsker did not sign the Separation Agreement and General Release and refused to so sign the Separation Agreement and General Release. Since that time, NARS has refused to comply with the express language of the Employment Agreement and has denied Plonsker his usual commissions for work performed in the normal course of business as Vice President of Sales which occurred between October, 2005 and May, 2008.

COUNT I - BREACH OF CONTRACT AS TO COMMISSIONS

20. Plonsker realleges paragraphs 1-19 above as and for paragraph 20 of this Count I as if fully stated herein.

21. Plonsker and NARS executed an Employment Agreement specifically providing for the mandatory payment of commissions for his sales efforts made by Plonsker.

22. The Employment Agreement mandates that Missouri law shall control the interpretation and construction of the Employment Agreement.

23. At all times there was in effect a statute commonly known as Sec. 407.912, Missouri Statute Annotated. Specifically that statute states: "When a commission becomes due shall be determined in the following manner: (1) the written terms of the contract between principal and sales representative shall control; . . . (3) when the contract between a sales representative and a principal is terminated, all commissions then due shall be paid within thirty days of such termination. Any and all commissions which become due after the date of such termination shall be paid within thirty days of becoming due."

24. At all times herein, Plonsker was a sales representative as defined within Missouri law recognizing commission employees.

25. At all times herein Plonsker's job duties require that he act as a finder of business in which he is to find a customer and thereafter has no further duty to the customer as far as servicing or maintaining a relationship.

26. Plonsker complied with all elements of his Employment Agreement by finding business, bringing it to NARS so that NARS can service the business.

27. The four corners of the Employment Agreement are to be construed against the drafter and in favor of Plonsker and demonstrates the manner of payment of commissions for sales efforts so that parole evidence is not necessary.

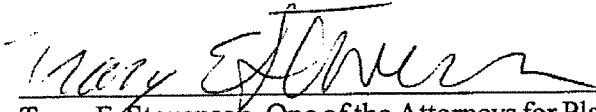
28. There is an actual and justiciable controversy between the parties which may be determined by a judgment order of this court. Pursuant to the terms of 735 ILCS 5/2-701, this court

has the power to declare and adjudicate the rights and liabilities of the parties hereto under the terms and provisions of the Employment Agreement.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, James Plonsker, respectfully requests this court to find and declare as follows:

- (a) The written Employment Agreement is a valid contract;
- (b) NARS is obligated to comply with the terms of the Employment Agreement;
- (c) Plonsker is entitled to the commissions as provided within the Employment Agreement for the term as outlined to and through three years following the signing of each and every contract;
- (d) Grant any other such relief as this Court deems just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

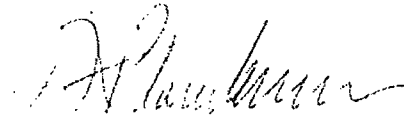

Tracy E. Stevenson, One of the Attorneys for Plaintiff

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VERIFICATION BY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury as provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this document are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as above and that he verily believes the same to be true.

Dated: 5/15/08

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Plonsker', written in dark ink.

JAMES PLONSKER

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated and effective this 3rd day of October, 2005, is hereby entered into between National Asset Recovery Services, Inc. ("NARS") and James Plonsker ("Plonsker"). NARS and Plonsker hereby agree as follows:

1. **Term of Employment.** Plonsker is being employed in the position of Vice President, Sales. Effective Date of employment is October 10, 2005. Nothing in this Agreement shall change the at-will status of Plonsker's employment. Accordingly, Plonsker's employment may be terminated at any time, with or without cause, by either the Company or Plonsker.

Compensation. For his services to be performed hereunder, NARS shall pay Plonsker's base salary of \$100,000, payable in installments not less frequently than twice per month, less deductions and withholdings as required by law. NARS will pay to Plonsker a \$25,000.00 draw against Commissions in Plonsker's first year of employment, to be paid out in monthly installments for twelve (12) months.

Commissions. Plonsker shall receive the following commission for his sales efforts:

- (a) Four percent (4%) of all revenue produced in the first year of each contract for contracts signed during the six months of his employment with NARS and for any proposals issued to potential clients during the first six months of employment that become signed contracts at any time during Plonsker's first year of employment.
 - (b) Two percent (2%) of all revenue produced during the second year of each contract signed during the initial six month term of employment with NARS and for any proposals issued to potential clients during the first six months of employment that become signed contracts at any time during Plonsker's first year of employment.
 - (c) One percent (1%) of all revenue produced during the third year of each contract signed during the initial six month term of employment with NARS and for any proposals issued to potential clients during the first six months of employment that become signed contracts at any time during Plonsker's first year of employment.
 - (d) To qualify for this consideration, both Plonsker and NARS must certify the legitimacy of all proposals issued during the first six months of his employment.
 - (e) After the initial six months of employment, Plonsker's commission plan will be consistent with the NARS sales commission plan currently under review.
2. **Benefits.** During the term of this Agreement, Plonsker shall be entitled to the following benefits:



(a) Vacation: Plonsker will earn two (2) weeks vacation per 12-month period until two years of employment. After two years of employment Plonsker will earn three (3) weeks of vacation per 12-month period.

(b) 401k: Plonsker will be eligible to participate in NARS 401k plan after 12 months of employment.

(c) Other Benefits: Plonsker will receive other Health and general employee benefits as described in the NARS' employee manual.

5. Relocation. Relocation is not a requirement of this position.
6. Drug Testing. Plonsker shall be required to undergo random drug testing. Failure to cooperate in any required drug test or a positive result shall be grounds for the termination of this Agreement, further any finding of drug-use other than prescribed by a physician, possession, sale, control, attempt to sell or any other use of drugs other than prescribed by a physician shall be grounds for termination.
7. Indemnification and Hold Harmless. Plonsker declares that any non-compete agreements that Plonsker may have signed with other companies, do not prohibit his ability to provide services under this Agreement. This Agreement shall terminate immediately, if it is determined by NARS or any judicial body, that any non-compete agreement signed by Plonsker prohibits him from performing services under this Agreement. In addition, Plonsker agrees to indemnify and hold harmless NARS, its officers, directors, shareholders, employees and other representatives ("Indemnified Parties") from all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, penalties, costs, and attorneys fees incurred by an Indemnified Party resulting from reliance on Plonsker's declaration that any non-compete agreement signed by Plonsker is unenforceable for the work performed under this Agreement.
8. Non Solicitation of Employees. Plonsker agree that while he is employed by NARS and for a period of one (1) years after termination of his employment for any reason, with or without cause, he will not directly or indirectly hire, or attempt to hire, any employee of NARS nor will he encourage any employee of NARS to terminate employment with NARS.
9. Protection of NARS' Confidential Information. Plonsker shall keep confidential, use solely for his duties hereunder and not, directly or indirectly, disclose at any time during or for a period of one (1) year following the termination of his employment, any confidential or proprietary information about the business and affairs of NARS without the express written permission of NARS. Confidential or proprietary information is deemed to be methods of operation unique to NARS, customers and customer lists unique to NARS, prices and details of contracts with customers, consultants, suppliers or employees, business management methods,

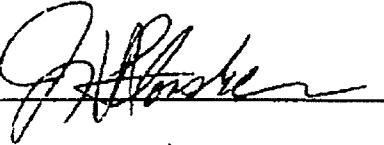
marketing plans, forecasts, or other specialized information relating to the business of NARS and which is unique to NARS and not commonly known in the industry.

10. Nonsolicitation. For a period of one (1) year following termination of his employment, **Plonsker** agrees not to solicit, directly or indirectly, the business of any NARS client that was an established NARS client as of the date **Plonsker** commenced his employment or that was acquired as a client during the period of **Plonsker's** employment. To this end, **Plonsker's** covenants and affirmatively represents that should his employment with NARS end for any reason; he will not remove, retain, or otherwise possess, actually or constructively, any NARS customer list or customer information of any kind.
11. Specific Enforcement. **Plonsker** agrees that any breach of Paragraphs 6 through 9 hereof will cause NARS irreparable harm for which NARS will have no adequate remedy at law. Accordingly, **Plonsker** agrees that NARS may, in addition to any other remedies available in law or equity, have specific performance of the terms contained in Paragraphs 8 through 11 of this Agreement in any court having jurisdiction.
12. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Agreement which shall be given effect independently of the invalid provisions; and, in such circumstances, the invalid provision is severable.
13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri.
14. Successors and Assigns. The rights and obligations of NARS under this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of its successors and assigns. This Agreement, being personal to **Plonsker**, cannot be assigned by **Plonsker**, but his personal representative shall be bound by all its terms and conditions.
15. Amendments, Etc. No modifications, amendments, extensions, or waivers of this Agreement or any provisions hereof shall be binding upon NARS or **Plonsker** unless in writing and signed by NARS' President.
16. Complete Agreement. This Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement and understandings between NARS and **Plonsker** and shall supersede and replace all prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings, written and oral. This should not be mistaken for a contract of employment for a specific duration of time. **Plonsker's** employment is at-will and terminable by either **Plonsker** or NARS at any time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Agreement effective as of the day and year first above written.

_____:

NATIONAL ASSET RECOVERY
SERVICES, INC.

Signature: 

By: James E. Quinn

Date: 10/12/2005

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**SEPARATION AGREEMENT
and GENERAL RELEASE**

This Separation Agreement and General Release ("Agreement") is made and entered between James Plonsker ("Mr. Plonsker") and National Asset Recovery Services, Inc. ("NARS") collectively referred to as "the Parties".

Recitals

- A. Mr. Plonsker has been employed by NARS as Vice President, Sales.
- B. Mr. Plonsker's employment with NARS will end and the Parties wish to end the relationship without any further disagreements or disputes.
- C. The Parties have agreed on a settlement covering the terms of Mr. Plonsker's separation of employment.
- D. The Parties desire to reduce their Agreement to writing.
- E. In consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and agreements herein contained and other valid consideration, the adequacy, sufficiency and exchange thereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned Parties do hereby agree as follows.

1. **Termination of Employment and Payment of Final Wages and Distributions.** Mr. Plonsker's employment with NARS will end on May 1, 2008. Except as provided in this Agreement, Mr. Plonsker agrees that he has received all compensations and benefits due to date from NARS.

2. **Immediate Return of Property.** Upon his termination of employment, Mr. Plonsker shall arrange for the return to NARS of any and all property in his possession belonging to NARS, including keys, credit cards, cellular telephones, communication devices of any type, laptop or desktop computer, as well as all documents or information concerning the business, policies, procedures and records or the affairs of NARS, NARS' clients, client consultants, suppliers, vendors, contractors, or any other documents or information deemed confidential or proprietary by NARS or belonging to NARS or acquired while performing services for it.

3. **Severance Benefits.** In exchange for executing and not revoking this Agreement and as severance compensation, NARS shall undertake the following:

- (a) **Cash Severance Payment.** NARS will continue to pay Mr. Plonsker's base salary at the rate of Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Three and 33/100 Dollars (\$8,333.33) per month for three (3) months commencing at the time specified below, less such withholdings which NARS determines appropriate, for a total severance benefit of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). These payments will be made on NARS' regular payroll dates with the first payment to commence on the first payroll date following Mr. Plonsker's execution of this Agreement.



- (b) **Health Care Continuation.** Mr. Plonsker will remain on NARS' group health insurance Plan through April 30, 2008. Thereafter, Mr. Plonsker may elect to continue to participate in NARS' group health insurance plan to the extent permitted under continuation coverage terms of those plans as required by the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act ("COBRA") and in accordance with terms of the plan as they may exist or may be amended from time to time. If Mr. Plonsker elects continuation coverage, NARS will allow Mr. Plonsker to pay a reduced COBRA premium in an amount equal to the normal payroll deduction for group health insurance coverage paid by similarly situated salaried employees at NARS' Chesterfield facility for the first three (3) months of COBRA continuation. After which time, if Mr. Plonsker intends to continue his COBRA payments, he will be responsible for the normal COBRA premiums for the remainder of any continuation coverage entitlement.

Mr. Plonsker expressly agrees that the severance compensations that he will receive pursuant to this Agreement and as identified above are sums to which he is not already entitled. The parties hereto agree, however, that no payments or benefit continuations described in this Paragraph 3 will be made prior to Mr. Plonsker's execution of this Agreement. During the period required for payment of any of the foregoing severance compensations, Mr. Plonsker shall not be considered to be a NARS employee by reason of such compensations or otherwise.

4. **Other Benefits.** Mr. Plonsker agrees and acknowledges that, following his termination and except as specifically provided above, he shall not be eligible to participate in any of NARS' compensation, commission or employee benefit plans or arrangements, nor shall he be eligible to receive any bonuses, commissions or other compensation other than that described in this Agreement.

5. **Release.** In consideration of the payments and other benefits provided by this Agreement and the stipulations and covenants made hereunder, Mr. Plonsker, with the intent of binding himself and his successors, heirs, assigns, attorneys, and family members, hereby releases and forever discharges NARS and its parent, affiliated and subsidiary entities including National Asset Recovery Services, L.L.C. (Jamaica) and National Asset Recovery Services, Inc. (Panama), and all of their officers, directors, agents, representatives, insurers, employees, employee benefit plans and their fiduciaries (the "Released Parties") from and against any and all liabilities, claims, grievances, demands, charges, actions and causes of action whatsoever whether known or unknown and which are or may be based upon any known or unknown fact, condition, or incident occurring prior to the date of this Agreement as well as claims which may arise after the date of this Agreement which are based or rely upon facts, conditions, relationships, agreements or incidents occurring prior to the date of this Agreement including Mr. Plonsker's employment relationship with NARS as well as any fact or circumstance related to Mr. Plonsker's employment or separation of employment from NARS, and including all claims arising under any federal, state, or local law, including but not limited to, any and all claims arising under or pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*; the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. § 2601 *et seq.*; the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq.*; the

Civil Rights Act of 1866, 42 U.S.C. § 1981; the Civil Rights Act of 1871, 42 U.S.C. § 1983; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C., § 2000 *et seq.*; the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. § 1981(a) *et seq.*; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 621 *et seq.*; the Missouri Human Rights Act, RSMo. Chapter 213 *et seq.*, the Missouri Service Letter Statute, RSMo. §290.140, Missouri Sales Commission payment statutes, RSMo. Chapter 407, as well as any and all other statutes or ordinances of any state, and any and all claims arising under or pursuant to any statute or common law including those concerning in any way employment, wages, commissions on NARS revenues arising prior to or after that date of this Agreement, contract, breach of contract, discrimination in employment, or termination of employment, any and all claims for personal injury, emotional distress, libel, slander, defamation, and other physical, economic, or emotional injury, and all claims for attorney's fees and costs as well as any claims that Mr. Plonsker may have had under his Employment Agreement effective October 2, 2005 with NARS.

Mr. Plonsker also agrees that he will not institute any claims for damages or for other relief by charge, lawsuit or otherwise, nor will he authorize, encourage, induce or assist any other person or entity, governmental or otherwise, to enter into any claim for damages or otherwise via administrative or legal proceedings against the Released Parties for any such claims. If any Court rules that such waiver of rights to file or have filed any judicial action or administrative claim is ineffective, then Mr. Plonsker will not seek or accept any money damages or personal relief upon the filing of any such administrative or judicial charges or complaints.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Agreement interferes with Plonsker's right to merely file a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"), or merely participate in an EEOC proceeding.

If any person brings any claim or action for recovery which is contrary to the above Release, then the party defendant to that action shall be entitled to reimbursement for costs and attorney's fees incurred in defense of that claim. If Mr. Plonsker brings, participates in or is benefited by any action contrary to the above Release, he also agrees to repay to NARS all amounts paid to him or provided for his benefit pursuant to Paragraph 3.

This Release does not discharge the Parties from obligations they have under this Agreement. Mr. Plonsker also agrees to waive any rights to, or to be considered for, future employment with NARS and its operations. Other than as set forth in this Agreement, Mr. Plonsker specifically waives any claim that he may have to receive a bonus, commissions or deferred compensation from NARS under any of its plans or any agreements with him except as stated herein.

6. **Disclosure of Confidential or Proprietary Information.** In addition to his duties of confidentiality and nondisclosure under Paragraph 9 of his Employment Agreement with NARS effective October 3, 2005 ("Employment Agreement") which provision Mr. Plonsker agrees remains in effect, Mr. Plonsker shall not at any time communicate or disclose to any unauthorized person or use for his own account, without the advance prior written consent of NARS, any of its trade secrets, any information concerning the business, methods of operation,

finances, or affairs of NARS, NARS' customers or clients or their consultants, suppliers, vendors, or contractors, or any other information deemed confidential or proprietary by NARS.

7. **Non-Disparagement.** Mr. Plonsker shall conduct himself so as to refrain from interference with, disparagement of, or harm to NARS. Mr. Plonsker agrees that he will not make any critical or disparaging remarks about NARS, NARS' employees, managers, or officers or regarding NARS' operations, performance or business practices to other NARS' employees, NARS' clients and customers, any members of the investment community (such as investment advisors, consultants and managers) vendors, or any other person.

8. **Non-Disclosure.** Mr. Plonsker agrees to maintain the existence of this Agreement, as well as its terms and conditions, as confidential and shall not make public or disclose the existence or terms thereof to any person other than to his immediate family, attorney and tax advisor, or as may be necessary by court order, without the express written consent of NARS. If Mr. Plonsker violates this promise, he will become immediately liable to NARS for the amounts of compensation and benefits provided pursuant to paragraph 3 above, plus any costs, including attorney's fees, incurred to recover that sum, plus any other relief to which NARS may be due at law or equity.

9. **Non-Solicitation and Non-Inducement.** NARS and Mr. Plonsker acknowledge that during the course of Mr. Plonsker's employment with NARS, Mr. Plonsker has learned of and made contact with entities and persons that have retained or purchased the services provided by NARS (hereinafter referred to as the "NARS Clients"). By reason of Mr. Plonsker's employment and consulting relationship with NARS, Mr. Plonsker was provided with access to NARS Clients and developed relationships with NARS Clients and was directly involved in developing/identifying NARS Clients.

In this regard, Mr. Plonsker agrees that the Non-Solicitation of Employees provision contained in Paragraph 9 of his Employment Agreement with NARS will continue to be in full force and effect.

In addition to his duties of Non-Solicitation under Paragraph 10 of his Employment Agreement with NARS, Mr. Plonsker further agrees that for a period of one (1) year after termination of his employment, Mr. Plonsker will not directly or indirectly, on his own behalf or on behalf of any third party, or as a sole proprietor, joint venture, partner, employee, officer, director, consultant, shareholder, investor, or otherwise solicit the business of any of NARS' Clients and customers or prospective clients with which Mr. Plonsker either had any personal contact, had any interface with or with their employees, called upon, contacted, solicited or attempted to solicit business while he was employed with NARS, nor will he contact such clients or prospective clients for any business purpose that is competitive with NARS' business.

10. **Choice of Law and Venue.** The Parties agree that this Agreement shall be construed pursuant to the laws of the State of Missouri, without regard to its conflict of laws provisions. The Parties further agree that any dispute related to this Agreement or its application, interpretation or enforcement shall be resolved only in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, if that court possesses jurisdiction, or otherwise in the

Circuit Court for the County of St. Louis, Missouri, Twenty-First Judicial Circuit. The parties agree that any litigation regarding this Agreement, or Mr. Plonsker's Employment Agreement with NARS, shall be resolved in such forum by proceeding before a judge without a jury and both parties hereto specifically waive trial by jury of any claim or action arising hereunder or under such Employment Agreement.

11. **Breach of the Agreement.** If Mr. Plonsker breaches or threatens to breach his obligations under any provision of this Agreement or his Employment Agreement with NARS, NARS will experience irreparable harm for which money damages alone will not provide an adequate remedy. Accordingly, NARS shall have the right to seek equitable relief in addition to legal relief to remedy such breaches. In the event of a breach, Mr. Plonsker shall pay NARS' costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred to enforce this Agreement or the Employment Agreement or to settle any disputes concerning the enforceability of either Agreement's provisions.

Furthermore, in the event of a breach either Agreement by Mr. Plonsker, the Parties expressly agree that NARS shall be relieved of any further obligation to make or provide any of the severance compensations described under this Agreement and, in addition to any other relief which may be awarded to NARS against Mr. Plonsker, he shall repay to NARS all sums paid to him or on his behalf under Paragraph 3 in addition to any other damages or relief to which NARS or any Released Party might be entitled.

12. **Non-Admission.** This Agreement does not and shall not constitute an admission by NARS of any fact or conclusion of law. Without limiting the foregoing, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute an admission that any action taken during Mr. Plonsker's employment against him or the termination of that employment was wrongful or unlawful in any manner whatsoever.

13. **Entire Agreement and Severability.** This Agreement constitutes the full and complete Agreement between Mr. Plonsker and NARS with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all negotiations and representations with respect to its terms. No other Agreement, whether oral or written, shall be construed to alter the terms of this Agreement. Mr. Plonsker represents and warrants that no promise or inducement has been offered or made except as set forth herein and that this Agreement is executed without reliance upon any statement or representation by NARS or any person acting on its behalf. If any portion of this Agreement is held to be invalid, the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as if the invalid provisions were not included herein.

14. **Prior Agreement.** The Parties hereto acknowledge that NARS and Mr. Plonsker entered into an Employment Agreement effective October 2, 2005. Mr. Plonsker acknowledges that NARS' obligations under this Employment Agreement have been performed in their entirety by NARS. Mr. Plonsker also releases all claims, rights or entitlements which he may have or may arise under his Employment Agreement with NARS. Provided, however, the provisions of Indemnification, Non-Solicitation of Employees, Protection of NARS' Confidential Information, and Non-Solicitation of Paragraphs 7 through 10 shall continue to apply as written, subject to their enhancement and any modification hereunder, and the enforcement provisions hereof shall

apply to cure any breach, select the law and venue applicable to any dispute arising with respect to such provisions of the Employment Agreement.

15. **Period for Consideration of This Agreement.** Mr. Plonsker has until 5:00 p.m., central time, on May 7, 2008 within which to consider this Agreement and execute it or reject it. If Mr. Plonsker does not execute this Agreement and return it to NARS care of the undersigned on or before that date and time, the offers contained within the Agreement are considered withdrawn and this Agreement will be considered null and void and as never having been in effect.

MR. PLONSKER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE HAS READ THIS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE CONSISTING OF FIFTEEN (15) NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS; THAT HE HAS HAD A REASONABLE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH TO CONSIDER IT AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS IT AND VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTS ALL OF ITS TERMS; THAT HE HAS HAD AN ADEQUATE TIME TO DISCUSS THIS DOCUMENT WITH AN ATTORNEY AND HAS DONE SO OR VOLUNTARILY ELECTED NOT TO DO SO; AND HE WILL ABIDE BY ITS TERMS.

The Parties hereby execute this Agreement as of the date written below

NATIONAL ASSET RECOVERY SERVICES,
INC.

James Plonsker

Date

Greg Cappa
Executive Vice President

Date

JUDGE LEFKOW

MAGISTRATE JUDGE VALDEZ

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EXHIBIT B

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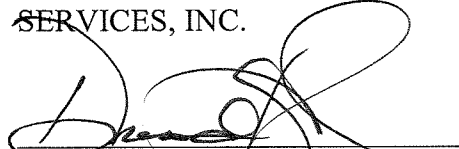
NOTICE TO CLERK OF REMOVAL

TO: Dorothy Brown
Cook County Circuit Court
Richard J. Daley Center, Room 1001
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Chicago, Illinois 60602

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant, National Asset Recovery Services, Inc., has this date filed a Notice of Removal on this case in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446, the Notice of Removal has caused this matter to be removed from this Honorable Court to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. This Notice includes copies of the Notice of Removal and Notice to Plaintiff of Removal as attachments.

Respectfully submitted,

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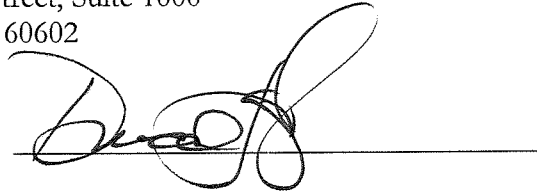
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I hereby certify that I have on this 9th day of June, 2008 served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by depositing the same with the United States Postal Service, first class, postage prepaid, upon the following addressed as follows:

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